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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6318

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NODIS/CHEROKEE

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR EG IS

SUBJECT: TRANSIT OF ISRAELI CARGOES THROUGH SUEZ CANAL

1. AMB OSAMA AL-BAS (FAHMY'S CHEF DE CABINET) TELEPHONED LATE THIS AFTERNOON, AT FAHMY'S BEHEST, TO SAY THAT VARIOUS ISRAELI NEWSPAPERS, AND ESPECIALLY MAARIV, HAVE TODAY CARRIED STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO THE ZIM NAVIGATION COMPANY INDICATING IT EXPECTS TO RECEIVE IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS DIRECTIVES FROM THE ISRAELI CABINET ABOUT PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED WITH RESPECT TO THE FIRST ISRAELI CARGOES TO TRANSIT THE SUEZ CANAL. THIS NEWS IS REPORTEDLY COUPLED IN THE ISRAELI PRESS WITH A STATEMENT BY FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF, GENERAL ALAZAR, NOW CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF ZIM TO THE EFFECT THAT THE PASSAGE OF ISRAELI CARGOES THROUG THE SUEZ CANAL IS A POLITICAL CT. THE ISRAELI PRESS ACCOUNTS ALLEGEDLY ADD THAT VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR TRANSFERRING CARGOES FROM VESSELS SCHEDULED TO LAND AT EILAT TO OTHER VESSELS WHICH ARE TRANSITING THE CANAL.

2. FAHMY ASKS THAT THE ABOVE URGENTLY BE BROUGHT TO YOUR ATTENTION WITH HIS REQUEST THAT YOU SPEAK FIRMLY TO THE ISRAELIS TO DESIST FROM ANY SUCH ACTION  
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AT THE PRESENT TIME. EGYPTIANS ARE NOT GOING BACK

ON THEIR WORD, AL-BAZ STRESSED, BUT FAHMY CONSIDERS  
THESE ISRAELI PRESS REPORTS AT THIS DIFFICULT JUNCTURE  
AS UNTIMELY AND UNHELPFUL. THE ISRAELIS SHOULD UNDER-  
STAND THAT THEY SHOULD NOT ADD TO THE "COMMOTION"  
ALREADY TAKING PLACE IN THE ARAB WORLD ABOUT THE  
AGREEMENT.

3. FAHMY ASKED FOR AN URGENT REPLY.  
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